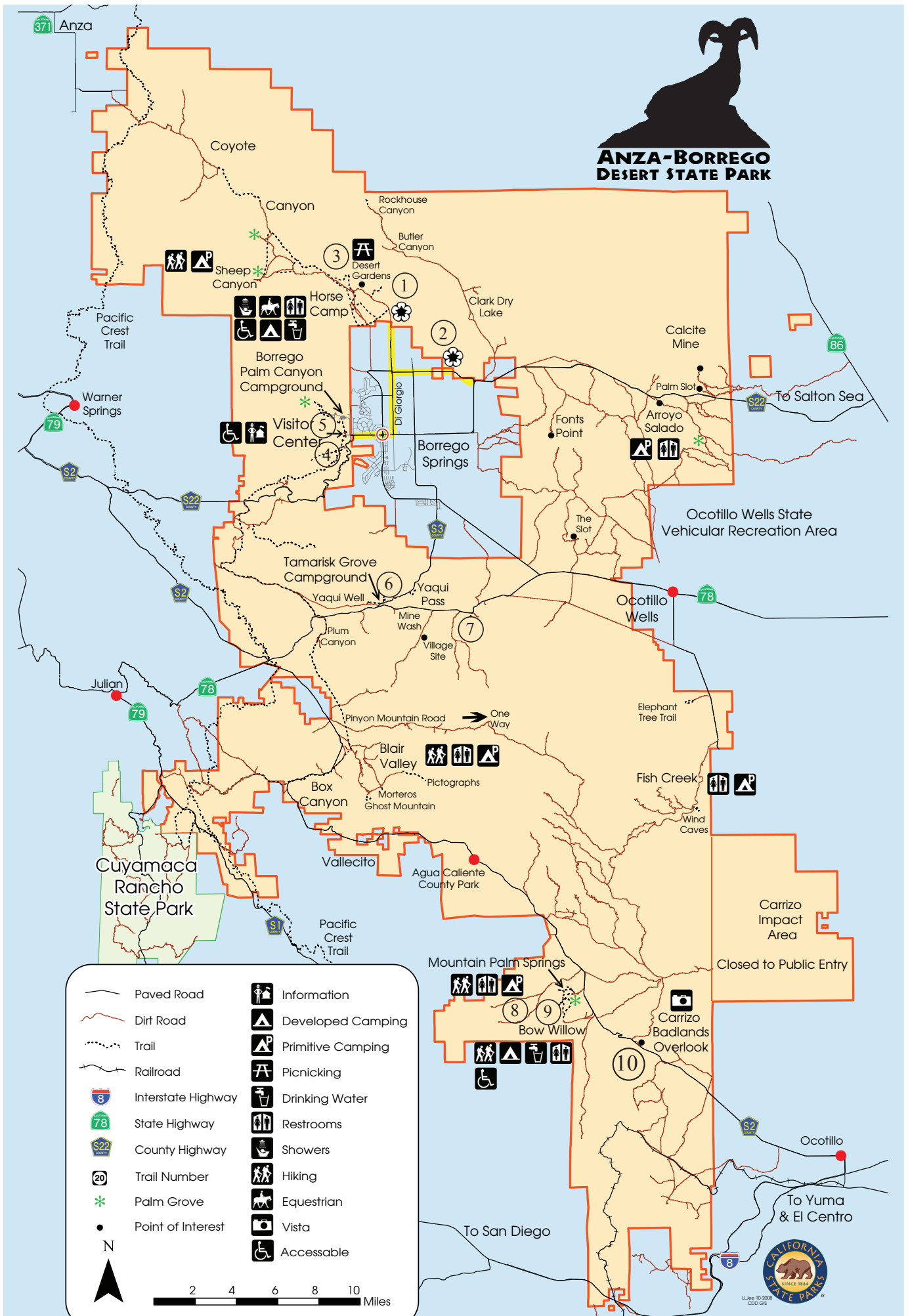




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WILDFLOWER UPDATE 3-16-2009

The flower show has now largely moved from the big fields (areas 1 and 2) to the canyons where there are a wide variety of flowers just coming into bloom.

- ① Along Henderson Canyon you will still see Desert Sunflowers and Lupine along the side of the road.
- ② The mouth of Coyote Canyon at the end of DiGiorgio is fading fast with the heat and the arrival of the caterpillars.
- ③ However, up near Desert Garden look for Desert Lilies, mixed in with Lupine, Desert Dandelions, Fremont Pincushions, Desert Sunflowers, Brittle Bush, and Chicory.
- ④ A short walk up Little Surprise Canyon will reveal a wide variety of flowers. There is a nice display of Ghost Flowers going up the canyon wall near the beginning in the left fork. Proceeding up the main trail you will see Desert Poppy up the canyon walls. While you are walking look for Sand Blazing Star, Phacelia, Fiddleneck, Chicory, Pincushion, Wishbone, Chuparosa, Desert Lavender, Ocotillo, Lupine, and many other varieties as new flowers are blooming every day.
- ⑤ Walking from the Visitor Center to Palm Canyon Campground and up the Palm Canyon Trail look for Chicory, Brown-Eyed Primroses, Popcorn Flowers, Desert Dandelion, Wishbone, Verbena, Chuparosa, Brittlebush, Cheese Bush, Phacelia, Little Gold Poppy, Fiddleneck, Spanish Needles, and Desert Lavender blooming. The Barrel Cactus are blooming all around the area.
- ⑥ The Cactus Loop Trail cross from Tamarisk Grove is great for flowers right now. The Fish-Hook Cactus are blooming in clusters along the trail. Also look for Poppies, Whispering Bells, Wishbone, Ghost Flowers, and Bigelow's Monkey Flowers. Arroyo Salado has Desert Lilies and Lupine popping up.
- ⑦ The Narrows Earth is a great short trail with Poppies, Chicory, Phacelia, Chuparosa, Whispering Bells, California Evening Primrose, and Pincushions.
- ⑧ In the south end of the park, Indian Gorge is a great 4WD with lots of flowers blooming along the way.
- ⑨ The road up to Bow Willow is also very nice with Phacelia, Pincushion, Dandelions, and Desert Lilies.
- ⑩ Carrizo Overlook has Lupine, Dandelions, Chicory, some small Desert Five-Spots and Beavertail Cactus at the south end.

On your way into the park on any of the major highways, especially from the east, look for Desert Dandelions, Brittlebush, Desert Sunflower, Creosote, and Lupine along roadsides.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in beautiful Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. We remind you that the Park remains a place of beauty, grandeur, and solitude all year long.